

20 March 2026

Dear Parents

A few notices for your consideration.

Year 9 Options evening and supporting materials

All Year 9 students should have been issued with an options booklet; if they do not have one, Mr White, Head of Year 9, has spare copies. The options booklet and subject videos can be found on the school website where there is a dedicated Year 9 options page which can be found at <https://www.knoleacademy.org/secondary/year9-progression/>

A reminder that there is an options drop-in on **Wednesday 25 March at 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Oaks Theatre**, where students and parents can speak to subject leaders about their option choices. Options need to be returned via the Microsoft Form accessible on the website in the Year 9 progression section.

Academic Tracking 1 and 2 April

Academic Tracking takes place on the evening of Wednesday 1 April and the morning of Thursday 2 April. The appointments are virtual via SchoolCloud <https://knole.schoolcloud.co.uk/>, and the booking window is now open. The last day for students to be in school is Wednesday 1 April, where the school will finish at the normal time, 3.30pm. The purpose of Academic Tracking is to provide an oversight of how students are doing across all their subjects, offer guidance on the level of performance in termly tests and give advice on how to improve.

Return after the Easter holiday

Students return to school after the Easter holiday on Monday 20 April; we would ask for parental assistance in ensuring that all uniform is correct after the holiday.

Meningococcal outbreak

School leaders in Kent have been invited to briefings by the NHS and UKHSA on Tuesday and again on Friday to discuss the meningococcal outbreak. It will come as no surprise to inform you that we have not been told anything that is not already in the public domain. However, the UKHSA has made it clear that the outbreak is not connected to schools, that the risk of transmission in schools is virtually nil and that schools should continue as normal including trips and extra-curricular activities. It is worth noting, that all the Canterbury and Ashford schools who reported cases remained open to students. While all our thoughts go to those affected by the outbreak, I would like to thank parents for their rational response at Knole Academy. We will of course let parents and students know immediately if the situation changes.

Best wishes

David Collins

